

**WASHINGTON STATE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BOARD OF DENTURISTS
MEETING MINUTES**

Friday, January 20, 2006

10:00 a.m.

Department of Health, Point Plaza East, 310 Israel Road Southeast, Room 202
Tumwater, WA 98501

On January 20, 2006, the Board of Denturists met at the Department of Health, Point Plaza East, 310 Israel Rd. S.E., Room 202, Tumwater, WA. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bruce Anderson, Chair
Richard Green, Public Member
J. Eric Hansen
James Henderson, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert Fettig
Bernie Kopfer, DDS
Troy Wendell

STAFF PRESENT: Vicki Brown, Health Services Consultant 3
Joy King, Executive Director
Jennifer Bressi, Health Services Consultant 1
Judy Worker, Program Support

GUESTS PRESENT: Dr. Kais, Bates Community College
Adriana Schronerova – Student George Brown College
Jurgen von Fielitz DD-George Brown College

OPEN SESSION – 10:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1. Approval of Agenda- The agenda was approved with the addition of Dr. Kais addressing the Board on the internship/externship policy.
 - 1.2. Approval of November 18, 2005 Meeting Minutes- Minutes were approved as presented.
2. **BOARD POLICY REVIEW** – The Board reviewed the four new policies they approved at the previous meeting.

- 2.1. Minimum Number of Candidates for Clinical Examination - This policy was approved as presented.
- 2.2. Hours Requirement for Internship/Externship – Dr. Kais does not support this policy as Bates Technical College already offers clinical externships to students. It is difficult to place students in experienced denturist clinics. Oregon State dropped their 1000 hour requirement for Bates students. Internship/Externship do not have uniformity due to different practitioners and there is no control in what the student is taught at the clinic. Students from George Brown College have received negative comments from licensed denturists when they have approached the clinic for an externship. Possibly the Board could ask the State Association if they could determine if experienced denturists are interested in providing externships to students. Or, the Department of Health could survey all licensed denturists in whether or not they would provide an externship to students. The board agreed to have a sub-committee, of staff and a board member to further research options in an externship for denturist students.
- 2.3. Degree Requirement for Examination/Licensure – Dr. Kais supports the requirement of a degree. There is usually a waiting list to enter the Bates program and students could complete degree requirements while waiting to enter the program.
- 2.4. Scoring for Clinical Examination – This policy was approved as presented.

Ms. Schroenrova expressed her concern with the volume of reference books used for the exam questions. She indicates that it is difficult to obtain some of the older version books due to them being out of print. Also some books references terms differently. She asks that we try to reduce the number of books used to write the exam questions. She would also ask that the list of books be released earlier to students so they can have a longer time to prepare for the exam.

The Board asked staff to try to see if we can consolidate the number of reference books. There are 800 questions that will need to be reviewed and

associated with specific reference books. Only 250 questions are given during any one written test.

3. **BOARD 2005-2007 BUSINESS PLAN** - The Board reviewed and discussed the 2003-2005 business plan and agreed that the 4 patient safety items need to be added to the 2005-2007 business plan. The board will review changes to the business plan at the next meeting.

4. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- 2005-2007 Business Plan
- Possible Survey of Denturists on willingness to provide externships
- Possibly change exam questions to only reference minimal number of reference books
- Complete Book List
- Vallan Charron will be replaced by J. Eric Hansen to work with Vicki Brown on the dual examination with the State of Oregon.

5. **PROGRAM MANAGEMENT REPORT** – Information was provided to the Board by the Program Manager.

- 5.1. Budget – Provided the October and November 2005 interim operating reports to the Board.
- 5.2. Disciplinary Information and Update- Current statistics was provided to the Board.
- 5.3. Legislative Update – There is no current legislation to discuss.
- 5.4. Follow-up from Previous Board Meetings – The continuing education letter informing licensed denturists of the new requirement was mailed to all active licensees on January 4, 2006.

6. **OTHER OPEN SESSION BUSINESS** – (For discussion only)
No items to discuss.

CLOSED SESSION

7. **ETHICS & JURISPRUDENCE EXAM REVIEW** – The Board reviewed the proposed questions for a separate ethics & jurisprudence exam. It was stated that the ethics & jurisprudence exam cannot be separated from the written exam due to RCW 18.30.100 (4).

After reviewing the proposed questions, the Board removed several questions and modified one question. The Board approved the changes to the presented list of ethic and jurisprudence questions to be added to the question bank for the written exam.

- 8. ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m. with no further business.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Approved By:

Jennifer Bressi
Program Support Manager

Bruce Anderson, Chair